

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Administrative Office	(2) MEETING DATE 8/28/2012	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Geoff O'Quest/805-781-5011	
(4) SUBJECT Receive and file the response from the Sheriff-Coroner and the District Attorney to the Grand Jury's 2011-12 report "A Vital Function of the Judicial System: Law Enforcement Property and Evidence Rooms."			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board receive and the response from the Sheriff-Coroner and the District Attorney to the Grand Jury's 2011-12 report "A Vital Function of the Judicial System: Law Enforcement Property and Evidence Rooms."			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) NA	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(9) BUDGETED? NA
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT { <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> } Consent { <input type="checkbox"/> } Presentation { <input type="checkbox"/> } Hearing (Time Est. _____) { <input type="checkbox"/> } Board Business (Time Est. _____)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS { <input type="checkbox"/> } Resolutions { <input type="checkbox"/> } Contracts { <input type="checkbox"/> } Ordinances { <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> } N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) NA		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: NA { <input type="checkbox"/> } 4/5th's Vote Required { <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> } N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP NA	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY { <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> } N/A Date _____	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW This item was prepared by the Administrative Office.			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts			

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Administrative Office / Geoff O'Quest
805-781-5011

DATE: 8/28/2012

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RECOMMENDATION

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DISCUSSION

On June 7, 2012, the Grand Jury issued a report "A Vital Function of the Judicial System: Law Enforcement Property and Evidence Rooms." This report presents the 2011-2012 San Luis Obispo County Grand Jury's review of management and control of property and evidence rooms in law enforcement agencies in San Luis Obispo County. The Grand Jury examined all law enforcement agency property and evidence rooms in the county to assess compliance with the recommended policies of recognized property/evidence organizations and each agencies own internal policies.

The report identifies 15 findings and 13 recommendations. The Grand Jury required responses from both the Sheriff-Coroner and the District Attorney. The Grand Jury required the Sheriff-Coroner to respond to Findings 1 and 12, and Recommendations, 1, 9, 10, 11, and 12. The District Attorney was required to respond to Findings 13 and 14, and Recommendations 7 and 8. No response was required by the Board of Supervisors.

The Sheriff-Coroner and District Attorney have prepared the attached responses, which were sent to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court with a copy to the Grand Jury within the mandated 60-day time frame. As elected officials, the Sheriff-Coroner and District Attorney are not required to submit their responses to the Board of Supervisors before responding to the Grand Jury. Both have elected to send their responses directly to the Presiding Judge and Grand Jury, so their response is submitted to your Board for information only.

In addition to the findings and recommendations included in the report, the Grand Jury commends the Sheriff's Office for recognizing the need to move its property/evidence room to larger facilities and for reorganizing the way evidence is stored. The move and reorganization are underway and the new facility should be operational by the end of 2012. The Grand Jury also commends Sheriff Parkinson for keeping his pre-election promise to audit the property/evidence room.

OTHER DEPARTMENT INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

The Grand Jury reviewed the management and control of property and evidence rooms in all seven city police departments within San Luis Obispo County, as well as the County Sheriff's Office and the District Attorney's Office.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no financial considerations associated with this item.

RESULTS

Approval of the recommended action will acknowledge the Board's receipt of the Sheriff's response to this Grand Jury report.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Sheriff-Coroner's response to "A Vital Function of the Judicial System: Law Enforcement Property and Evidence Rooms"
2. District Attorney's response to "A Vital Function of the Judicial System: Law Enforcement Property and Evidence Rooms"
3. Grand Jury's 2011-12 report "A Vital Function of the Judicial System: Law Enforcement Property and Evidence Rooms"